

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19, 36-55, 72-75, and 80 are pending. Claims 20-35, 56-71, and 76-79 have been withdrawn.

In response to the election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 set forth in the April 9, 2007 communication, and as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants elect for continued prosecution the claims of Group I (claims 1-14, 37-50, 73, 74, 15-19, 51-55, 36, 72, 75, and 80).

The non-elected groups are Group II (claims 20-29, 56-65, 76, and 77), Group III (claims 30-32, 66-68, and 78), and Group IV (claims 33-35, 69-71, and 79). Claims 20-35, 56-71, and 76-79 have been withdrawn. Applicants note that the April 9, 2007 communication indicates that both Group III and Group IV include claims 69-71 and 79, but Applicants believe that Group III includes claims 66-68 and 78 and not 69-71 and 79. If Applicants understanding is incorrect, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their attorney, Janaki K. Davda.

Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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